Supply from Srisailam Reservoir and irrigation *en route* in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have been incurring expenditure on the project since 1983-84. Since the project has not been approved by the Planning Commission, the question of any action plan does not arise.

**Selection of a site for Zirconium Oxide Plant**

214 SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee has been constituted to select a suitable site for setting up the proposed Zirconium Oxide Plant;

(b) whether the said Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Site Selection Committee constituted to select a suitable location for setting up Zirconium Sponge Plant has recently submitted its report which is under consideration of the Department.

**Allocation for poverty alleviation programmes**

215. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of money for poverty alleviation programmes during the last three years; State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of persons who have been provided assistance through the programmes, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the number of persons brought above poverty line during the last three years; year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The total allocation of money for the major Poverty Alleviation programmes viz. Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) during the last three years (1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88) State-wise and year-wise are given in Annexures (*See* Appendix CXLVII Annexure No. 5).

(b) the number of persons who have been provided assistance under IRDP and the number of man-days generated under NREP and RLEGP State-wise and year-wise is given at Annexures (*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 6)

(c) the number of persons brought above the poverty line would be known only when the results of the quinquennial survey of the National Sample Survey Organisation are received.

**Visit of foreign naval ships to ports in the country**

216. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the foreign naval ships/nuclear war-head carrying ships visited different ports in the country;

(b) the names of those countries, the details of their visits and the reasons for such visits; and

(c) whether such visits poses threat to India's independence and soveriegnty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) 29 foreign naval ships visited Indian ports during 1987. 17 foreign naval ships have visited Indian ports during 1988 to date. Government are not aware of any foreign ships with nuclear weapons on board having visited any Indian port.

Details of these visits are as follows: 1987. USSR—9; USA—7; France—7; Thailand—2; Sweden—1; FRG—1; Egypt—1; UK—1.

1988: USSR—5; France—4; Iran—2; Indonesia—1; USA—1; Singapore—1; Thailand—1. New Zealand—1; UK—1.

(c) No, Sir.

**Surplus workers in Defence Factories**

217. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
DR. YALAMANCHILI SIVAJI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are surplus workers in defence factories in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the manner in which Government is going to absorb them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) No staff has been declared surplus in the Ordnance Factories. However, the norms for staff and workers are reviewed periodically and deployment of some staff and workers is effected to ensure their optimum utilisation.

**Declaration of Quasi-Permanency of work charged staff of Lower Ganga Division**

218. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the declaration of Quasi-permanent of work-charged staff of Lower Ganga Division under Central Water Commission is pending since long despite several requests from the employees association: and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Out of 107 work charged staff in the Lower Ganga Division, Berhampore, 53 have been declared permanent and 9 quasi-permanent. The decision to declare the remaining staff quasi-permanent will be taken after verifying their service particulars etc. as per rules.

**Construction of quarters for Lower Ganga Division staff**

219. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for construction of office building and staff quarters at Lower Ganga Division under Central Water Commission;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There has been no progress in the matter because of financial constraints.

**Extending the benefits of revised scale of pay to Senior Computor**

220. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water Commission has proposed/recommended to the Ministry of Water Resources for extending the benefits of the Senior Scale of Rs. 425—700 (pre-revised) and Rs. 1400—2300 (revised) to all the Senior Computors of Central Water Commission on account of the judgement of the Central Administrative Tribunal;

(b) if so, what action has been taken so far to implement the judgement of the tribunal; and

(c) if no action has been taken, what are the reasons therefor?